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1. PRESS COMMENT CONCERNING PRESIDENT PARK'S LIFTING OF EMERGENCY MEASURES NOS. 1 AND 2 WAS WHOLEHEARTEDLY FAVORABLE AS ANTICIPATED. GENERAL EDITORIAL REACTION REITERATED GOVT RATIONALE THAT COUNTRY HAD COME TO FULL REALIZATION AFTER TRAGIC SHOOTING OF MADAME PARK THAT NORTH KOREA WAS STILL FORMIDABLE FORCE AND NATIONAL UNITY HAD BEEN SOLIDIFIED.

2. OVERALL PRESS COMMENT SEEMED TO AGREE THAT PRESIDENT PARK WOULD NOW TAKE A "SOFTER LINE" IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS, LEANING TOWARD GREATER FREEDOM AND EVEN MORE CONCERN FOR WELFARE OF PEOPLE. ENGLISH LANGUAGE KOREA TIMES NOTES THAT LIFTING OF EMERGENCY MEASURES HAD ACTUALLY NORMALIZED BASIC CIVIL FREEDOM AS PROVIDED BY CONSTITUTION.

3. GENERALLY, AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED, PRESS HAS NOT INVOLVED ITSELF IN ANY RETROACTIVE CRITIQUES OF
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EMERGENCY MEASURES, BUT HAS SEEMED CONTENT TO NOTE

THAT COUNTRY HAS NOW TURNED ITSELF TOWARD "NEW
BEGINNINGS."
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